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**DECLARATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT - USA PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DOCUMENT ENHANCEMENT APPARATUS**; the specification of which was filed herewith, with Application No. to be assigned.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

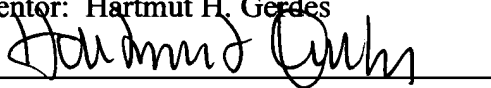
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby revoke any previous powers of attorney or authorizations of agency in the subject application, and hereby appoint the registrants of VIEIRA CONSULTING, Post Office Box 13593, La Jolla, California 92039, Telephone (619) 743-1551, including Erik M. Vieira, Registration Number 53,723, as its agent with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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